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In response to the communication from the Examiner dated May 5, 2005, a Final Rejection, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment After Final be entered and made of record. The following amendments and remarks are presented at this time, following a reassessment of the prior art references, and place the application in form for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

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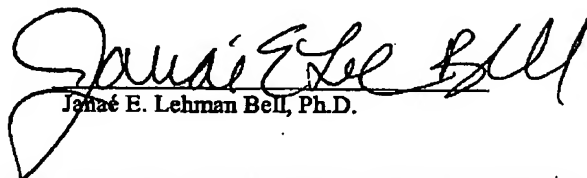
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